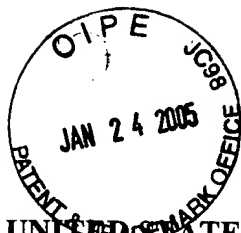


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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

SIR:

Applicants hereby submit the following supplemental response to the Response to Office Action under 37 C.F.R. 1.116, which was filed on December 27, 2004 in response to the Office Action of July 26, 2004.

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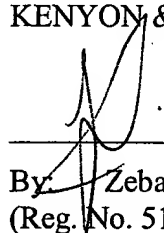
Applicants' submitted an IDS in the present application on October 22, 2001. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), copies of the patents and publications cited in the 10/22/01 IDS are not required to be submitted since such documents were previously submitted in the parent application, 09/457,254, which was properly identified in the IDS of October 22, 2001 and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. In the last Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the references could not be located in the parent application and requested Applicants to provide a copy of such references. Applicants have enclosed herewith a copy of all such foreign references and publications.

### CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative to discuss any issue that would expedite allowance of the subject application.

Although no fee is believed to be associated with the filing of this paper, any fees for extension(s) of time or additional fees that are required in connection with the filing of this response, are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such required fees or to credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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